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Letter to Accompany Petition of Protest

Dear United States Bureau of Land Management and the United States Department of the Interior,

We are delivering this petition and this accompanying letter to protest the auction of every parcel of land within the Wayne National Forest. Our state of interest being concern for the only National Forest in Ohio, we are worried that fracking would not only hurt the forest itself due to fracking's environmental impacts, but also the risk of the wells leaking materials in the Ohio River which would compromise its usability in industry, public plumbing, and providing for the natural environment.

The reasons for supporting this petition are two-fold. Firstly, National Forests should be held sacred, as they are set aside to protect the environment there and the life that resides there. Secondly, we have garnered a large amount of support, from over 90,000 signatures to endorsements from prominent environmental groups such as Buckeye Forest Council, Athens County Fracking Action Network, SprouTogether, and The Earth Guardians. They, along with us, ambassadors of SprouTogether and local Ohioans ourselves, are very concerned that fracking in the Wayne National Forest could lead to not only the destruction of the forest and the environment, but also set precedents in the future to allow similar actions be taken in other national forests, or national parks. Our national forests and parks are sacred to the American people, and we deserve a say in what happens to the land. This is standing up for our right to protest, and us standing up to protest for the environment itself.

Please reconsider allowing oil companies to purchase parcels and drill in the parcels in Wayne National Forest. We only have one here in Ohio... We don't want just another oil field.

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